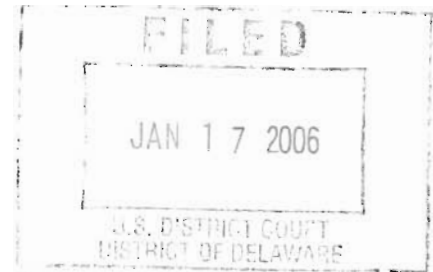


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The Honorable Gregory M. Sleet,
Associate Judge, United States District Court
844 North King Street
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Re: Bengé v. Kearney, Warden
Habeas Corpus Case No. 05-0550(GMS)

Dear Judge Sleet:

By order of October 11, 2005, as extended by order of December 1, 2005, the Court directed respondents to file answers on December 28, 2005 to the *habeas corpus* petitions filed in C. A. Nos. 05-0550(GMS) and 05-0551(GMS).

On December 30, 2005, I received the respondents' answer in C.A. No. 05-0551(GMS); however, to date, I am not in receipt of the answer in 05-0550(GMS). I wrote to Mr. Brown, the respondents' counsel, on January 4, 2006 explaining that I lacked the second answer and requesting that he send a replacement copy to me. I have not heard from him as of this date.

I realize that the Court's time is valuable in the extreme and that matters such as this should be handled by the parties. However, I cannot respond to that which I have not seen and I am simply unable to walk over to the courthouse and obtain a copy from which to work. Not knowing what else to do, and as time is running, I write to bring this matter to the attention of the Court.

I respectfully request that respondents' counsel be directed to provide me with a (one) copy of each of the documents filed in answer to the petition in C. A. No. 05-0550(GMS).

cc: Thomas E. Brown, Esq.
Clerk of the Court

Respectfully Submitted,

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